SUBJECT No. 88.

Enlargement of shanbhogi circle or increase of potgi.

(1) Messrs. Bhistaiya, Yedahalli sub-taluk; C. Vamana Rao, and Subba Rao, Nagar taluk; Bhaskara Rao, Sorab taluk; Krishna Sastri, Somasetty and Yalakki Gowda, Krishnarajpete taluk; Venkatachar, Hole-Narsipur taluk, Ranganna and Venkataramiah, Manjarabad taluk; Sankarappa, Anekal Municipality; Dalappa, Anekal taluk; and Karebhama Narasimhasetty, Closepet sub-taluk, and (2) Mr. H. C. Subba Rao, Hunsur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The shanbhogi circles which, before the introduction of the Survey and Settlement, were large enough to maintain a family, have now been divided into 3 or 4 circles each, and separate persons appointed as shanbhogs for each circle. The potgi they get is quite insufficient for the maintenance of a family. Pray that either the circles may be enlarged or the potgi increased.

(2) Government servants in all departments are given promotions except the shanbhogs. It is therefore prayed that the shanbhogs be given at least a potgi of Rs. 120 at the rate of Rs. 10 a month.

It is further prayed that *Barabaluti* forms be printed and supplied free of cost to all shanbhogs.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 89.

Shanbhogs to furnish security

Mr. H. Mahalinganna, Hassan taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Shanbhogs are in the habit of collecting revenue in villages and of giving receipts where the patels are illiterate. It often happens that these shanbhogs misappropriate the collection without crediting the same to the treasury. They thereby cause loss both to the Government and to the ryot. In order to obviate the evil it is prayed that orders be issued requiring shanbhogs to furnish security either in land or in cash, basing the same on the revenue demand of the firka, prior to their appointment as shanbhogs.

It is also prayed that during each Huzur Jamabandi, the Jamabandi Officer be required to check the "Bakipatti" of the village, question the ryots or examine their receipt books as to the correctness of the entries shown in the said "Bakipatti" prepared by the shanbhog.

Reply of Government.—The calling upon shanbhogs to furnish security is equally unnecessary and impracticable. The "Bakipatti" can be verified as proposed by the Taluk Amildar at Jamabandi time. Indeed this is now being done.

SUBJECT No. 90.

Pay of taluk revenue officials.

Mr. K. Shamaiengar, Channagiri taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The minimum pay of the taluk revenue officials, such as gollars, daftarbands, etc., may be raised to Rs. 10 as in the case of village school masters, as they are a hard worked class of officials without prospects of advancement in service. The proposed increase of pay, if granted, will afford them sufficient encouragement to show a better quality of work in future.

Reply of Government.—Recorded. Gollars and daftarbands are part of the menial establishment of taluk offices.

SUBJECT No. 91.

Grant of copies of proceedings.

Mr. Thimmannaiya, Tiptur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When punishment is awarded to Government servants, only copies of the final orders of dismissal, etc., are given. These are not detailed enough for purposes of appeal. Orders may therefore be

passed that copies of the entire proceedings may be given on application by the persons concerned, free of cost and without payment of stamps.

Reply of Government.—Copies of the entire proceedings cannot be given free of cost. There are orders on the subject which will enable the person affected to get all the information necessary for the appeal. And these standing orders are sufficient. If there has been any specific case, in which the grounds of the order were not sufficiently given, it may be brought to notice separately.

SUBJECT No. 92.

Claims of registered hakdars for shanbhogi and pateli offices.

Mr. B. Sitaramiah, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When the shanbhogi and pateli offices fall vacant they are filled up by the nearest heirs of the last registered holders of such offices, entirely ignoring the claims of the registered hakdars. Pray that the latter may be given preference over the former when the said offices become vacant.

Reply of Government.—The rules of succession are regulated by law and each case must be determined on its own merits. No general order can be issued.

SUBJECT No. 93.

Rights of widows to hereditary offices.

Mr. B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rights of widows to hereditary offices, which have been taken away recently by the Village Offices Regulation, may be recognized.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The law was passed after full publicity and discussion.

SUBJECT No. 94.

The remuneration of *totis* and *talaris*.

Employment of *kulwadis* in the malnad.

Appointments to *totis* and *talavars*.

(1) (*a*) Mr. Bhishto Virupaksha Nadigar, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) (*a*) The *totis* and *talaris* have to perform various kinds of duties. It is suggested that they may be remunerated in cash and their service inam lands fully assessed.

It is prayed that cash remuneration may be ordered to be granted to these village servants, as "Aya" is not regularly paid by the villagers at present and as in some villages these have been resigning their posts for want of means of livelihood.

(*b*) Messrs. Abidalli Sab, Koratagere sub-taluk; Adeppasetty, Surappa, Tumkur taluk; Agali Venkataramaiya, Sira taluk; Gundappa, Kunigal taluk; Huchvire Gowda, Gubbi taluk; Alampalli Adinarayana Chetty, Doddaballapur Municipality and Chennabasava Wadayar, Devanhalli taluk.

(*b*) The ryot has to pay six seers of grain per acre as remuneration to *totis* and *talavars* in villages which have these office-holders. This is a hardship which has often been brought to the notice of Government. The practice obtaining in the British Territory should be adopted here also.

Payment in kind as at present presses heavily, especially in bad seasons, as the quantity is fixed per acre and not according to the produce.

(*c*) Mr. Srinivasa Rao Kulakarni, Chitaldrug District Board.

(*c*) Cash remuneration in lieu of kind may be fixed for the services rendered by *totis* and *talaris* the charge being met from the levy of additional cess on this account.